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extending the idea of res judicata to workers' comp, and establishing a methodology by which no worker loses their right to come to the Nebraska Workers' Comp Court, no worker loses their right to go someplace else, if they can forum shop, as they say, and find what they think is a better forum. But what it does say and what it does start to work at is the idea of going to two places at once or, two different places one after the other, trying to get the best deal here and there, and get two sets of benefits, that kind of thing. So it's not radical. It shouldn't be...I don't think it would be controversial if it was outside of the area of employee-employer relations. But that's all the bill does. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Hudkins, followed by Senator Combs.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Beutler came to me with this amendment to my bill quite some time ago. He explained it to me, I thought, rather thoroughly. And I understood it. I thought it was just common sense. have sense had correspondence from various businesses, one of whom was Werner Trucking, who if you look at the committee statement for the original bill LB 558, Werner Trucking, Werner Enterprises was in support of the bill. Also in support of the bill was the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraskans for Workers' Compensation Equity, and the Independent Insurance All of those people understood the bill. They all spoke in support of the bill. The opposition to the bill came from the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys and the AF of L-CIO. Now, I'm sure that they understand the bill as well. And the Association of Trial Attorneys are very nice But we understand why they would be opposed to this bill. The committee came out in support of the bill, four in support, one opposed, one present and not voting, and one not there when the vote was taken. That isn't that far off of a There were four people out of seven in vote in committee. support of this bill. That's majority. So I don't see where the problem is that this bill didn't have support. It had support in the membership of the committee. It had support in the supportive testimony. And when Senator Beutler brought it to me, I said, yes, I would support the amendment as well, and